

Keen Keener



1954







The
KEEN KEENER
of 1954



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Preface

We, the Senior Class of 1954, have worked very hard to put forth an annual that will be enjoyed by everyone.

We have tried to carry out the theme "Indians."

Dedication

*We would like to dedicate our 1954 annual
to all the boys of our school that have par-
ticipated in sports this last year.*



FACULTY





Our School



Our Faculty



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Hoepfner, Mrs. Bol, Mrs. Kessinger, Miss Kelling, Mr. Stangle.

SECOND ROW: Miss Jacobus, Miss Miller, Mr. Goins, Mr. Hission, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Hanley, Miss Loneragan, Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Hission.

PAUL STANGLE, Principal

Administration



Mr. Stangle has B.A. and M.A. degrees from Indiana University.

In addition to his principal duties, Mr. Stangle teaches Shop.



Dorothy Bachelder, a graduate of De-Motte High School in 1951, has been secretary of our school for the past three years.



High School Faculty

EVELYN HOEPPNER

B.A.

Social Studies
Health and Safety
And Librarian



JANE HANLEY

B.S.

Typing, Bookkeeping,
Arithmetic, and
Phys. Ed.

WILLIAM JONES

B.A., M.A.

English, Phys. Ed.
Health and Safety



DORIS MILLER

B.A.

Music

JEANNE JACOBUS

B.S.

Home Ec.



JOHN HISSION

B.A., M.S.

Mathematics
And Science

THOMAS GOINS

B.A.

Social Studies
And Bookkeeping



MARY KOLLING

B.A.

English and Art

Grade School Faculty

GLADYS EWART

B.S.

First Grade



BEULAH HISSION

B.S.

Second Grade



MARY LONERGAN

B.S.

Third Grade



FRANCES FRY

Fourth Grade



MARY KESSINGER

Fifth Grade



PAULINE BOL

Sixth Grade



SENIORS





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NORMAN



RUTH and ROSE



RUTH C.



KENNY



JEAN



LUANN



BOB N.



LAURA



MARVIN



CAROL



JANE



HELEN



TOM A.



BOB S.



MARY



JACK



MARILYN



RITA



MARTINA



JOHN S.



BOB F.

Seniors

LUANN UNZICKER

"Louie"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Treasurer 4
Sunshine Society 4
Treasurer 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Student Council 2, 4
Secretary 4
Cheerleader 4
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



ROBERT SCHLARP

"Bob"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-Captain 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 1
Class Vice-President 2
Annual Staff 4



ROBERT FASE

"Fuzzy"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 4
Student Council 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 4
Class President 2
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
Annual Staff 4



RUTH COBERLY

"Red"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Treasurer 4
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



CAROL CHEEVER

"Cheever"

Chorus 1, 2, 3
Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Secretary 4
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Student Council 2
Class Secretary 1
Cheerleader 1, 2, 3
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



JACK SWART

"Swart"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 4
Band 1, 2, 4
Class Treasurer 1
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



Seniors

HELEN VAN KEPPEL
"Tex"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



KENNETH HIELEMA
"Ken"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2
Track 4
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



LAURA KLEMP
"Laura"

Chorus 1, 2, 3
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 1, 2
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
Annual Staff 4



THOMAS ABBRING
"Tom"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Class President 1
Vice-President 3
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



ROBERT NUSS
"Nuss"

Football 1, 3
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-Captain 3, 4
Annual Staff 4



JEAN SCOTT
"Jeannie"

Chorus 1, 2, 3
Dramatics Club 1
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Vice-President 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 4
Student Council 3
Annual Staff 4



Seniors

ROSEMARY BELSTRA
"Rosie"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Treasurer 3
Vice-President 4
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4, Pres.
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Girl's State Rep. 3
Class President 3, 4
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



RUTHANN BELSTRA
"Rufus"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
President 4
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Student Council 3, 4
Vice-President 3
Cheerleader 4
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



GERALD KENNING
"Jeres"

Football 1, 2
Track 1
Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Library Staff 1, 2, 3
Annual Staff 4
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4



RITA NANNENGA
"Rits"

Chorus 1, 2, 3
Dramatics Club 3
Boosters Club 2, 3, 4
Vice-President 3
Sunshine Society 4
Vice-President 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3
Student Council 2, 4
Secretary 2
Cheerleader 1, 2
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
Annual Staff 4



JANE ZECK
"Zanie"

Chorus 1, 2, 3
Dramatics Club 2, 3
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sec. Treas. 3
President 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Student Council 4
Treasurer 4
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
Library Staff 1, 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Editor 4



MARVIN DEXTER
"Marv"

Basketball 1, 2
Track 1
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
Annual Staff 4



Seniors

JOHN SPURGEON

"Hip"

Football 1, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



MARTINA NANNENGA

"Marty"

Chorus 1, 2, 3
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 2, 3
Annual Staff 4



MARILYN KINGMA

"Marilyn"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics Club 1, 2
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Sunshine Society 4
Newspaper Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



NORMAN STREVELER

"Norm"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Vice-President 4
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4



MARY SWART

"Mary"

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Secretary 3
Boosters Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Secretary 2
Newspaper Staff 2, 3, 4
Ass't Associate Editor 2
Associate Editor 3
Editor 4



Sunshine Society 4
Corresponding Sec. 4
Student Council 1, 3, 4
President 3, 4
Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4
Girl's State Rep. 3
Class Sec. Treas. 2, 3, 4
D. A. R. Representative 4
"Gangway For Ghosts" 3
"Grandad Steps Out" 4
Annual Staff 4

Class Poem

By MARILYN KINGMA
AND HELEN VAN KEPPEL

A quiet, good natured boy is he,
In class he rates better than a B.
In music Tom can play every note
That Bach, Beethoven, or Brahms ever
wrote.

Meet Rose Belstra, our class president,
Whom we are very proud to present.
To be a school teacher is her ambition.
We know she won't quit until she has
completed her mission.

Ruthann Belstra is this lassie's name,
Though we don't expect it to stay the
the same.
She was a cheerleader this past year,
We're sure you'll agree she deserves a
cheer.

As Homecoming Queen she reigned last fall,
She's not too short and not too tall.
She doesn't plan to go to college,
But as a stewardess, Carol would rather
gain knowledge.

Ruth Coberly is our artist, who can draw
most anything;
We're sure she'd be very good at dress
designing.
She is known by all for her hair of red.
When she's around the party's not dead.

Oh, here come's another, Marvin's his name.
As a willing helper he has gained fame.
He's always there to share the load,
No matter how hard may be the road.

That blond haired, freckled faced lad you
see,
Is none other than Bob, the Fase's
protege.
He's loved by us all for his good natured
way,
And some gal's going to be mighty
lucky some day.

Then there's this handsome Hieleman lad,
In plays he's superb, in sports not bad.
He's full of "old Harry" as we all know,
And in driving cars he's really not slow.

He's known as the sheik of the Senior Class
Who gets acquainted with every lass.
By this introduction no more need be said
For Gerald Kenning we imagine will
soon be wed.

Helen told me to write my own poem,
I sure hope I can do this alone.
My ambition is shared by many another;
To be a good wife and an understand-
ing mother.

Laura is a fine girl and a good wife she'll
make,
You'll find this proven by the cakes
she does bake.
And as a seamstress, too, she won't be out-
done,
She doesn't take a backseat for anyone.

Another classmate of whom we're fond
Is Martina, with hair, oh so blonde.
She's rather quiet but loves to tease
And tells her jokes with the greatest of ease.

An unselfish, sweet and pious miss,
Rita is her name or had you already guessed?
In the Junior Play she was known as "Crazy Nell."
I'm sure you'll agree she played her part well.

The young man we call Nuss is not bad either,
In making baskets he sure is a leader.
He doesn't care very much about school work,
But in basketball he'll never shirk.

Next comes a chap known for his athletic ability,
Bob Schlarp is his name and a fine boy is he.
He's quick as a rabbit and smooth as a fox.
He'll keep the game from going on the rocks.

Now a friend of ours we'd like you to meet,
Jean Scott is her name and she's really quite sweet.
She's always grinning from ear to ear
And she's really ever so nice to be near.

John Spurgeon has a quiet way,
But in government class, he has lots to say.
A great mathematician he'll probably be,
As he is very good in geometry.

In sports and studies this lad rates pretty high,
When asked a question he never tells a lie.
His manners sure are perfect, and his conduct grade A.
We're sure you'll all agree with us,
Norman's really O.K.

Next is Jack Swart, by name
In sports he usually plays a pretty good game.
He makes a hit with his blue Ford
And with the girls he's highly scored.

Mary Swart sure is a likeable lass,
You'll always find her at the head of the class.
Her lovely smile and likeable ways,
Will remain with us long after our school days.

The next one that comes to my mind,
No smarter girl in school you'll find.
She's Luann Unzicker who rates an A
In bookkeeping almost every day.

Next comes Helen Van Keppel who's helping me write this poem,
When you see her she is never alone.
For sleeping in class she's known by all teachers.
This gal's a lass with many fine features.

A lass I'm sure you'd like to meet
Is Jane Zeck, who can't be beat.
As editor of our annual she tried her hand
And did a very fine job as you understand.

Last Will and Testament

By RITA NANNENGA

The Senior Class of 1954 do hereby will all their unused talents and abilities to their successors, the Senior Class of '55.

Tom Abbring, the first on the alphabetical list, wills his blond wavy hair to Carol Duggins. How's that for a change, Carol?

Rose Belstra, always taking care of the future, wills her position as president of the Sunshine Society to Joyce Boender. We hope you'll do as good a job as Rose for our new organization.

Ruth Belstra, in a generous and helpful state of mind, as a gift, would like to will all her Chemistry papers and books to Doris Van Meerten. Someday you'll thank her for them, Doris.

Carol Cheever, in a helpful state of mind, would like to will her place in all the queen contests to Mary DeKock. You'd make a real pretty queen, Mary.

Ruthie Coberly wills her most prized possession, every inch of her five-foot shortness, to Allen Grube and Charlie Hamstra. That wouldn't be too handy for basketball, would it, boys?

Marvin Dexter wills his much-beloved nick-name "Dilly Dally" to Claude Goff. From now on we'll call you Dilly Dally Goff.

Bob Fase, in a happy-go-lucky state of mind, wills his sweet little giggle to Thelma Kaluf. Say, Elmer, why don't you just trade with him?

Next on our list is Kenny Hielema, after much thought he decided to will his fancy hair-do to Roy Schlarp. No more hair cuts for you, Roy.

Gerald Kenning wills his glasses to Bob Bunning. Now you can see everything twice as good, Bob.

Marilyn Kingma, in a corny state of mind, wills her jokes and sense of humor to Berniss Saundry. Have you got a giggle to go with them, Bernie?

Laura Klemp wills her cheerfulness and winning ways to Evelyn Evers. We're sure you'll always be a well liked person with these traits, Evie.

Martina Nannenga is well known for her interest in hillbilly songs, so to Betty Jabaay she wills her talent to sing these songs in just the right way. Good luck in your new profession, Betty.

Bob Nuss, in his usual state of mind, wills his ability to get along with teachers to Bob Williamson and Art Ptacek. Hope you have better luck than he did, boys.

Bob Schlarp thinking only in the sports future, wills all his athletic abilities to Les Thornton. Okay, Les, let's see some new trophies in that case.

Jean Scott wills her big brown eyes to Lorretta DeYoung. Boy, you'll sure wow 'em now.

John Spurgeon, in a sympathetic state of mind, wills his sweet and solid Studebaker to Alice Unzicker. Take it easy now, Alice.

Norman Sterveler, in his always pleasant manner, wills his quiet and good natured ways to Keith Barker. Nice going, Keith.

Jack Swart, in a reckless state of mind, wills his ability to drive carefully to James Fritts and John Van Keppel. Better be careful, boys.

Mary Swart wills her ability to get a man and keep him, and also her excellent leadership to Barbara Schaefer and Eleanor Toppen. Good luck, girls.

Luann Unzicker, in a reluctant state of mind, wills her pretty blue eyes, and charming smile to Frances Vander Molen. You'll really be the belle of the ball now, Frances.

Helen Van Keppel, in a carefree state of mind, wills her ability to sleep in class and get away with it, to Barbara Wagner. We hope you don't happen to snore, Barb.

Jane Zeck wills her ability to get along with others and her sweet temper to Clara Spurgeon. That's quite a combination, huh, Clara?

Rita Nannenga, in her usual goofy state of mind, wills her silliness and good times to Darrell Crawford and Lois Knynsberg. Hope you'll have as much fun as she did.

To:

Mr. Stangle—All the senior's old excuse blanks.

Mr. Hission—A portable yardstick.

Miss Kolling—An art class that can remember just a little about famous painters.

Miss Jacobus—A room that's mouse-proof.

Miss Miller—A band that can stay together.

Mrs. Hanley—Stationary tables and typewriters.

Mr. Goins—A quiet bookkeeping class.

Mr. Jones—Another championship football team next year.

Mrs. Hoepfner—A Senior government class that will act like Seniors.

Class Prophecy

By MARY SWART

The day has finally arrived. I've been planning my tour of the United States for many days. My taxi is here now and as I enter it I notice that the driver is none other than Jack Swart. He takes me to the Thayer Municipal Airport to catch my plane. When I board the plane I notice a pretty stewardess by the name of Carol Cheever. We chat a few minutes about the good "ol' daze" at D. H. S. She tells me that Harold Bult is pilot of this particular plane.

My first stop is in Chicago. I have reservations at the world famous ZZZ Hotel which is owned and operated by Jane Zeck. The new shoes I bought for this tour are killing me so I called a cab. It happened to be one of the many cabs belonging to the Silver Comet Cab Service which is under the management of Rita Nannenga. She informed me that among her many drivers are Laura Klemp, Marilyn Kingma, Martina Nannenga, and Ruthann Belstra. She also told me that the results of a recent survey proved that women cab drivers have fewer accidents so immediately the City Council ruled that there should be no male cab drivers. I finally arrived at the ZZZ Hotel and to my complete amazement there stood Kenny Hielema acting as doorman. Kenny always was rather talkative so we

spent the next hour reminiscing.

The next morning I boarded a train for Texas. It was a new super jet style invented by the nationally famous scientist, Bob Schlarp. I was informed that it's name is "Bob's Big Bullet."

The following evening I stepped off the train in Gavelston, Texas, and there stood Helen Van Keppel. She said she had read about my tour in "Tom's Tattler," the daily paper here in Gavelston, edited by Tom Abbring. She invited me out to her ranch, The Bar HVK. It was a beautiful ranch, and, of course, she had to introduce me to her many horses. She also said that Tom Coffey and Marvin Dexter worked for her on the ranch. I had a delightful evening there, but the next morning I had to be on my way. I had decided to buy a used car to continue my tour. One of the agencies I visited was "Spurgeon's Sputtering Super-mobile Sales." Naturally John gave me a good line about what used cars he had so I purchased one from him. He asked me to pay "Red," the cashier. To my amazement "Red" proved to be none other than Ruth Coberly, the girl in my graduating class back in '54, who had such pretty red hair.

I started out in my "new" car and when I arrived in Iowa a few weeks later I met

Rosemary Belstra on the street. We got to talking and she told me that she'd been teaching school here in Central City for the past three years and liked it very much.

She said the principal of Center was none other than Bob Nuss. Well, I just about fell out of my new shoes. She also said he was very strict, but I really *couldn't* believe that. We decided to have lunch together so she recommended "Lucky Luann's Lunch-room," which was owned by none other than Luann Unzicker.

That evening I continued my tour by heading for New York. A few days later while I was in Great Lakes, Michigan, I met a cute sailor. I thought I recognized him and sure enough it was Bob Fase. He asked me if I'd heard about the startling discovery

Dr. G. L. Kenning had recently made. I told him I hadn't—and he said Dr. Kenning after years of study had found a complete cure for ingrown toenails.

A few days later my trusty car and I arrived in New York. The first thing I decided to do was to see the famous stage hit, "The Gown," starring Streveler and Scott. After the show I was invited backstage and found that Sterveler and Scott were Norman and Jean, two of my classmates at D. H. S. several years ago.

It certainly has been wonderful meeting all the members of the Class of '54 again, but now I must head back home in my trusty little auto, hoping that we can all meet again soon. "Bye now—be seeing you!"

Class History

By GERALD KENNING

In the fall of 1950, 34 young braves and squaws joined together to form our tribe. Far ahead of us loomed a dark trail which we were unacquainted with, so we asked Miss Griffith to be our guide. We also picked Tom Abbring as our Chief and Mary Eder as vice chief. Carol Cheever was chosen as our Scroll writer and Jack Swart as treasurer. Bob Schlarp and Mary Swart were our spokesmen to the Student Council. Before our long journey started we chose as our motto: "*Forward Ever, Backward Never.*" Our class flower is the white carnation. Our tribe was very happy to receive two new braves and one new squaw which made our journey more enjoyable for all.

In the fall of 1951 we were ready to begin our second lap. We chose Bob Fase as our head chief and Bob Schlarp for our vice chief. Mary Swart was our secretary and treasurer, while Carol Cheever and John Spurgeon represented us in the Student Council. We picked Mr. Champion to guide us to the end of the halfway mark of our journey through the Halls of DeMotte High School. We were very sorry to lose six members of our tribe for it left us with only 28 members.

In the fall of 1952, our tribe was cut down to 25 Indians. Our trail began to get

rougher and rougher so we called on Miss Kolling to guide us. We had Rose Belstra as our leader and Tom Abbring was chosen to help her. Mary Swart again was chosen our secretary and treasurer. Bob Fase and Jean Scott served as our spokesmen to the Student Council. We did take time out from our journey to give the play "*Gangway For Ghosts.*"

The play was a great success. We also gave a banquet for our elder Indians, "The Class of '53." The banquet was held at the Curtis Creek Country Club in Rensselaer.

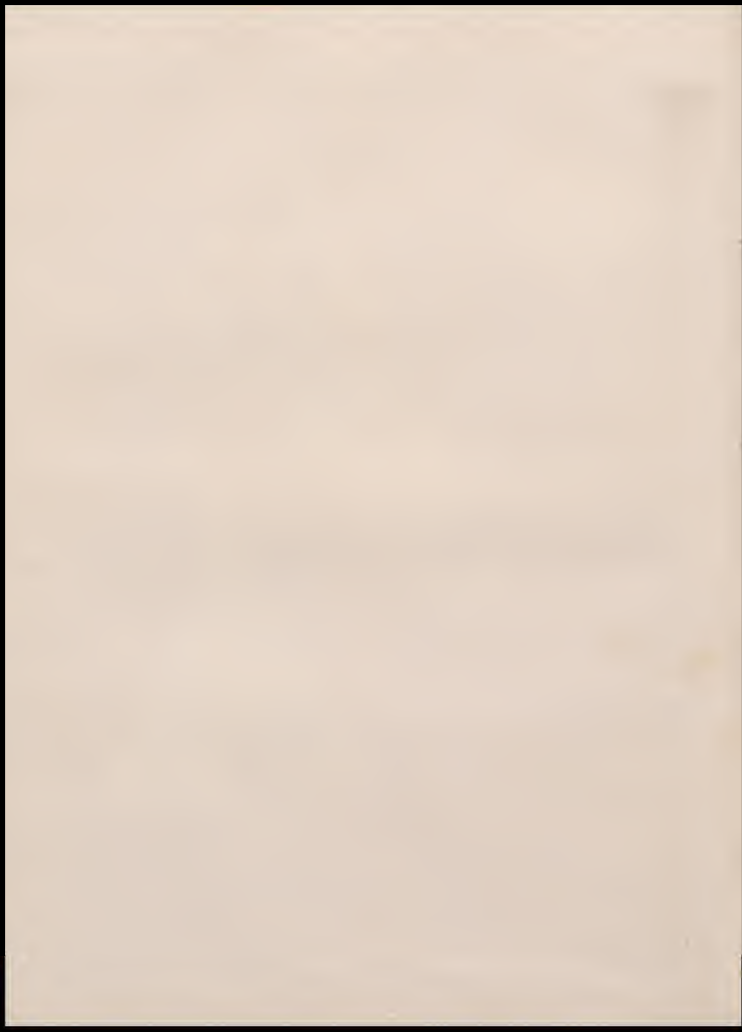
In the beginning of our senior year we picked Mr. Hission to guide us on the remainder of our journey. Rose Belstra is our leader again, with Norman Streveler helping her. Mary Swart is our Scroll writer and money keeper, while Bob Fase and Jane Zeck are representing us in the Student Council. We put on the play "*Grandad Steps Out*" which was a hit. Our class colors are silver and blue.

After graduation every member will go to seek a living in this busy world, but if we keep in mind our motto, "*Forward Ever Backward Never,*" we will always go in the right direction to make this a better world to live in.



GRADUATE





Junior Class



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Carol Duggins, Doris VanMeerten, Robert Williamson, Eleanor Toppen, Claude Goff, Barbara Wagner.
 SECOND ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary DeKock, Berniss Saundry, Miss Kolling, Thelma Kaluf, Joyce Boender, Keith Barker.
 THIRD ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Alice Unzicker, Loretta DeYoung, Frances VanderMolen, Barbara Schaefer, Evelyn Evers, Betty Jabaay, Clara Spurgeon, Robert Bunning.
 FOURTH ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: John VanKeppel, Arthur Ptacek, Charles Hamstra, Allen Grube, Darrell Crawford, Gerald Vermuelen, James Fritts, Lester Thornton.

In the fall of 1951 we entered our first year of high school with 34 members. We were officially made Freshmen when the Seniors initiated us in October. Our officers were Lester Thornton, President; Charles Hamstra, Vice President; Lois Knynsberg, Secretary; Roy Schlarp, Treasurer. Mr. Moolenaar was our sponsor and Carol Duggins and Robert Bunning were our Student Council representatives.



Mary DeKock, Robert Williamson, Allen Grube, and Alice Unzicker

We entered our Sophomore year in the fall of 1952 with 30 members. Our officers were Betty Jabaay, President; Alice Unzicker, Vice President; Lois Knynsberg, Secretary; Evelyn Evers, Treasurer. Mr. Champion was our sponsor and Joyce Boender and Les Thornton our Student Council representatives. Our class sweaters arrived in November. They are grey and green.

In the fall of 1953 we entered our Junior year with 30 members. Our officers are Allen Grube, President; Alice Unzicker, Vice President; Robert Williamson, Secretary; Mary DeKock, Treasurer. Miss Kolling is our sponsor and Barbara Schaefer and John Van Keppel are our Student Council representatives. Our class rings arrived in the first part of November. We gave our class play in the spring of 1954, and gave the Seniors a banquet in May.

Sophomore Class



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: *Virginia Bush, Myrle Coffey, Marvin VanderMolen, Barbara Groot, William Thornton, Carol Kooy, Mary Scott.*

SECOND ROW: *Janet St. John, Lorraine Hoffman, Joan DeYoung, Mona Nannenga, Mrs. Hoeppner, Charmaine DeFries, Marilyn VanWeinen, Edith Dunham, Carolyn Hoffman.*

THIRD ROW: *Donald Griwac, John Bol, Elaine Wiers, Junior VanKeppel, Marvin Kaluf, Ronald Marshall, Robert VanMeerten, Howard McDaniel, Robert Lloyd.*

FOURTH ROW: *Kathryn Walstra, Raymond Nannenga, Robert Zylstra, Robert Jackson, Robert Kaper, John Oezer, Roy Kingma, Marlene Hamstra, Evelyn DeVries.*



Robert Jackson, Robert Lloyd, Donald Griwac, and Carol Kooy

In the fall of 1952, we were welcomed into high school by the Seniors, who gave us a party. We asked Mr. Moolenaar to be our sponsor, Joan DeYoung to be our president, Ronald Marshall to be our vice-president, Ray Nannenga to be our secretary, and John Bol to be our treasurer. Barbara Groot and Bob Lloyd were our Student Council representatives.

For our Sophomore year we have Mrs. Hoeppner as our sponsor, Bob Lloyd as our president, Bob Jackson as our vice-president, Carol Kooy as our secretary, and Don Griwac as our treasurer. Edith Dunham and Ray Nannenga are our Student Council representatives.

We have green and white class sweaters which we got in our Sophomore year.

Freshman Class



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Jacobus, Kay Bunning, Doreen Thornton, Patricia VanMeerten, Linda Hammerton, James Unzieker.

SECOND ROW: Jack Kelly, George Hoffman, Ruth Abbring, Duane Knynsberg, Byron Walstra, Charles Peterson, Simon DeYoung.

THIRD ROW: Mildred Coberly, Robert Barker, William Dyke, Russell Duggins, Junior Toppen, Ruthann Kampenga, Edith Selby.

FOURTH ROW: Marilyn Dahm, Dean Kingma, Warren Swart, Sam Hamstra, Robert Schaefer, Frances Kingma, Marilyn Walstra, Veronica Krueck.



Kay Bunning, Marilyn Walstra,
and Sammy Hamstra

We entered the Freshman class in the fall of 1953. We asked Miss Jacobus to be our sponsor. We chose Marilyn Walstra as our president, Sam Hamstra as our vice-president, Kay Bunning as our secretary and treasurer, and Ruthann Kampenga and Warren Swart as our Student Council representatives.

Eighth Grade



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Kathleen Burk, Charles Spurgeon, Jerry Heimlich, Jerry Coberly, Thomas Fritts, Donald Moolenaar, Judy Griwac, and Judy Dyke.

SECOND ROW: Pauline Westerhoff, Bill Dunham, Margie Tomczak, Barbara Hammersley, Judith Smith, Eva Barker, Jane Hoffman, and Thersa Radtke.

THIRD ROW: Rita Hoffman, Strauss Clutts, James Edwards, Carolyn Jackson, Mary Dunham, Arlene Kingma, Arthur Nannenga, Richard Kiersma, Karen Peterson.

FOURTH ROW: James Whitmore, Herbert DeFries, James Oezer, Bill Kaper, Gene Kenning, Jim Dexter, Paul Spurgeon, Larry Hunter, Wayne Nuss, Roberta Leitzow.



Barbara Hammersley, Don Moolenaar, Wayne Nuss, Arlene Kingma

The seventh grade officers were: Carolyn Jackson, president; Judy Dyke, vice-president; Jerry Heinlich, treasurer; Rita Hoffman, secretary; Dickie Dykema and Carol Nannenga, Student Council. Margie Tomczak replaced Carol when she moved away.

First class party was an all-school party. Second school party was a skating party and wiener roast combined.

The Eighth grade officers are: Wayne Nuss, president; Arlene Kingma, vice-president; Donald Moolenaar, treasurer; Barbara Hammersley, secretary; Rita Hoffman and Herbert De Fries, Student Council.

The first semester the Eighth grade had a combination skating party and wiener roast.

Seventh Grade



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: *Ronald Sipkena, Eleanor Hamstra, Jane Krueger, June Krueger, Marion Craig, Joyce Bush, Janice Klemp.*

SECOND ROW: *Donna Marsh, George Dunham, Jerry Drudge, Alvin Fase, Kenneth Craig, Marion Groot, Jeremy Ramp, James Black, Judy DeYoung.*

THIRD ROW: *Jacquilyn VanWienen, Margaret Toppen, Eugene Zylstra, Dale Hass, Dean Alexander, Patricia Myers, Richard Dykema, Bill Dunham, Mary Misch.*

FOURTH ROW: *Arlene Kampenga, Pat Schaefer, Glen Kooy, Linda Nannenga, Carroll DeFries, Howard Crawford, Robert Albin, Jerry Oezer, Carol Wright.*

Donna Marsh, President; Carroll DeFries, Vice President; Arlene Kampenga, Secretary; Linda Nannenga, Treasurer; Dickie Dykema and Judy DeYoung, Student Council Representatives. Jeremy Ramp has replaced Dickie Dykema since he moved away.

The first semester the seventh grade had a combination skating party and a weiner roast.



Donna Marsh, Arlene Kampenga, Linda Nannenga, and Carroll DeFries

Grades

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FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Muriel Tomezak, Paula Bush, Robert Westerhoff, Delores Myers, Eugene Hoover, Betsy Bol, Ronald Lounsberry. SECOND ROW: Jane Williams, Ronald Gross, Joyce Zylstra, Leonard Krueger, Robert Drudge, Frederick Ramp, Connie Koster, Tom Schoonveld, Eddie Smith. THIRD ROW: Carol Huhn, Diana Grevenstuk, Diane Alexander, Judy Nuss, Peggy Groot, Ruth Ann Ewart, Virginia DeVries, Melodie Grevenstuk, Sharlie Konovsky. FOURTH ROW: Lynn Kessinger, Lyle Kessinger, Joan Fase, Bob Sipkema, Jim Sampson, Harold Evers, Billy VanSoest, Betty Graefen, Ruth Kaper, Jean VanMeerten.

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FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Kessinger, Betty Dunham, Judy Gardner, Marjorie Craig, Edna Dunham, Jean Sekema, James Klemp, Joan Takacs, James Toppen, and David Bauman. SECOND ROW: Andy Nannenga, Joyce Kooy, Harold Warner, Paul Bovenkerk, Mary Boer, Ronald Copeland, Charles Edwards, Sheila St. John. THIRD ROW: Dolly Malone, Mary Beth Starkey, Richard Peters, Linda Moolenaar, David Hart, Margie Kiersma, Sharon Nannenga, Linda Osborn, Lynda Rae Walstra, Jim Bunning. FOURTH ROW: Herbert Hoover, Billy Eenshuistra, Lorna Odle, Carol Smith, Rudy Zylstra, Ruthann Lloyd, Lornell Hamstra, Donna DeVries, Mary Abbring, and Ralph Kenning.

Grades

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FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Jerry Joe Spurgeon, David Watson, Lee Edwards, Dale Bovenkerk, Sally Van Meerten, Donna Borman, Mona Hunter, Lewis Holwin, Mrs. Fry. SECOND ROW: Martin Compton, David Peterson, Margaret Klemp, Vernon Hoover, Gene DeYoung, Billy Prater, Jerry Koster, Charles Raguse, and Rose Mary Wilson. THIRD ROW: Jerry Lee DeYoung, Bobby Hanaway, Charles Abbring, Billy VanDyke, Bobby Smith, Billy Dyke, Catherine Swart, Joel Oezer, and June Zylstra. FOURTH ROW: Sharyl Sipkema, Tommy Schaefer, Bobby Ed Hanford, Larry Selby, David Grevenstuk, Ronnie Lewin, Leonard Peters, Bobby Herring, John DeYoung, and Jimmy Coberly.

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FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Betty Bovenkerk, Tresa Groet, Johnny Wagonhoffer, Margaret VanDyke, Robert Craig, Kay Durlinger, Mary Dunham, Gerald Wagonhoffer. SECOND ROW: Henry Starkey, Jerry Williams, Harold Knynsberg, Joan Canady, Evelyn Wolford, David Odle, William Edwards, Charlie Nannega. THIRD ROW: Sharon Peters, David Fagenbaum, Doris Lewin, Robert Toppen, Pamela Tysen, Karen Kay Horton, David Hanford, Henry Dykema, Karen McDaniel. FOURTH ROW: Beverly Evers, Betty Hoffman, Ronald Novak, Betty Kaper, Henry Bosma, Beverly Hamstra, Dennis Eenshuistra, Becky Hart, and David Hass. Teacher: Miss Lonergan.

Grades

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FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Calvin DeYoung, Vivian Prater, Kathryn Misch, Dennis Alexander, Audrey Evers, Larry Musch, Carol Hoover, Mary Takacs. SECOND ROW: Frances Samuels, Billy Orsburn, Nicholas Tillger, Corklin Wilson, Mary Lou Sipkema, Billy DeYoung, Marvin Boezeman, Larry Bol, Joe DeKock, THIRD ROW: Valerie Lloyd, Larry Horton, Beverly Myers, Sandra Sipkema, David Schoonveld, Ellen Nannenga, Walter Huhn, Steven Holm-Hansen, Barbara Stevenson. FOURTH ROW: Cheryl Sampson, Michael Peterson, Kathy Boezeman, Michael Hart, John Fase, Karen DeVries, Annette Bosma, Dickie Whitmore, James Wiers. Teacher: Beulah Hission.

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FRONT ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Barbara Konovsky, Stephen Bauman, Donald Nannenga, Miriam Moolenaar, Louella Anderson, Lois Bosma, Darlene Alexander, Nancy Kooy, Susie Wilson, Sally Wilson. SECOND ROW: Kathy Schlarp, Larry Canady, Brenda Horton, Louis Lloyd, Priscilla Marsh, Rachael Wicker, John Osmolski, Donna Lonsberry, Larry Evers, Charlene Groet. THIRD ROW: Philip Moolenaar, Eddie Anderson, Catherine Huhn, Helen Barker, Rosemary Sekema, Carol Walstra, Craig Zeck, Fred Edwards, David Peterson, Sherry Stellingwerf, Nancy Bunning. FOURTH ROW: Cheryl Zeck, Rita Day, Fred Abbring, Ellen Belstra, Howard Swart, Alan Knip, Robert Punter, Gloria Peterson, Gail Raguse, Leona Leitzow, Edward Walford. ABSENT: Stanley Allen, Elizabeth Woudema. TEACHER: Gladys Ewart.

ACTIVITIES





Annual Staff



SEATED: Kenneth Hielema, Luann Unzicker, Jane Zeck, Ruthann Belstra, Mr. Hission.

STANDING, FIRST ROW: Ruth Coberly, Marilyn Kingma, Carol Cheever, Martina Nannenga, Rosemary Belstra.

SECOND ROW: Norman Streveler, Robert Schlarp, Thomas Abbring, Rita Nannenga, Laura Klemp, Mary Swart, Helen VanKeppel.

THIRD ROW: John Spurgeon, Marvin Dexter, Jack Swart, Harold Bult, Robert Nuss, Gerald Kenning, Robert Fase, Jean Scott.

Under the able direction of Mr. Hission, sponsor, and Jane Zeck as editor, we, the senior class of 1954, have tried to give you an annual that you will enjoy reading as much as we have enjoyed putting it out.

We wish to extend our thanks to everyone who helped make the 1953-54 annual a success.

Editor, Jane Zeck, Assistant Editors, Ruthann Belstra and Luann Unzicker; Business Manager, Kenneth Hielema; Advertising, Norman Streveler and Bob Fase; Circulation, Jack Swart and John Spurgeon; Class Poem, Marilyn Kingma and Helen VanKeppel; Class Will, Rita Nannenga; Class Prophecy, Mary Swart; Class History, Gerald Kenning; Art, Jean Scott and Gerald Kenning; Senior Editor, Ruth Coberly; Classes, Laura Klemp and Martina Nannenga; Clubs, Carol Cheever; Grades, Marvin Dexter; Athletics, Tom Abbring, Bob Schlarp and Bob Nuss; Miscellaneous, Rosemary Belstra.



*Ruthann Belstra, Kenneth Hielema,
Jane Zeck, Luann Unzicker*

Student Council



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Luann Unzicker, Mary DeKock, Mary Swart, Jane Zeck, Miss Jacobus.

SECOND ROW: Judy DeYoung, Rita Hoffman, Ruth Ann Kampenga, Mr. Hission, Rita Nannenga, Ruthann Belstra, Barbara Schaefer, Edith Dunham.

THIRD ROW: Dick Dykema, Herbert DeFries, John VanKeppel, Raymond Nannenga, Warren Swart, Robert Fase.

The Student Council is made up of High School and Junior High School students, with Miss Jacobus and Mr. Hission as sponsors.

A boy and a girl from each class is chosen to represent their class and one person from each organization is selected to represent each organization.

The officers are: President, Mary Swart; Vice-President, Mary DeKock; Secretary, Luann Unzicker; Treasurer, Jane Zeck.

The Student Council has as its projects the coke, milk, and candy machines in the lower hall. They sponsored a Clean-Up Week, and presented movies and other entertainment programs.

The Student Council with the help of the Junior High and High School has had a successful year. We wish them good luck in the future.



Luann Unzicker, Mary DeKock, Mary Swart, Jane Zeck

Booster's Club



FIRST ROW: Miss Jacobus, Ruth Coberly, Virginia Bush, Myrle Coffey, Martina Nannenga, Barbara Wagner, Ruth Abbring, Doris VanMeerten, Carol Kooy, Eleanor Toppen, Carol Duggins, Pat VanMeerten, Doreen Thornton, Kay Bunning.

SECOND ROW: Barbara Groet, Mildred Coberly, Carol Cheever, Mary DeKock, Joyce Boender, Thelma Kaluf, Alice Unzicker, Berniss Saundry, Luann Unzicker, Helen VanKeppel, Mona Nannenga, Lorraine Hoffman, Ruthann Kampenga, Mary Scott,

THIRD ROW: Carolyn Hoffman, Joan DeYoung, Charmaine DeFries, Betty Jabaay, Marilyn Walstra, Mary Swart, Lorretta DeYoung, Laura Klemp, Clara Spurgeon, Jean Scott, Evelyn Evers, Marilyn Dahm, Janet St. John.

FOURTH ROW: Edith Runham, Veronica Krucek, Frances VanderMolen, Barbara Schaefer, Marilyn Kingma, Frances Kingma, Evelyn DeVries, Marlene Hamstra, Kathryn Walstra, Rita Nannenga, Jane Zeck, Rosemary Belstra, Ruthann Belstra, Elaine Wiers.



Luann Unzicker, Jane Zeck,
Jean Scott

The Booster's Club is an organization of High School girls under the supervision of Miss Jacobus. Boosting school spirit is the main object of the club.

The Booster's Club sells refreshments at all the home ball games, and makes streamers at tournament time. An annual party is given in honor of all the High School boys who have participated in athletics during the school year.

At the beginning of the school year the remaining funds from last year was given to the general school fund to be used for various needs of the school.

Motion Picture Operators



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: *Robert Barker, Simon DeYoung, Bill Thornton, Duane Knynsberg, George Hoffman, Jack Kelly, Jimmy Unzieker.*

SECOND ROW: *Byron Walstra, Charles Peterson, Robert Lloyd, Mildred Coberly, Mary DeKock, Carol Cheever, Carol Kooy, Kay Bunning.*

THIRD ROW: *Junior Toppen, Bill Dyke, Russell Duggins, Sammy Hamstra, Junior VanKoppel, Clara Spurgeon, Bob Bunning, Ruth Alma Abbring.*

FOURTH ROW: *John Oezer, Dean Kingma, Robert Jackson, Darrell Crawford, Allen Grube, Robert Kaper, Warren Swart, Robert Schaefer.*

DeMotte High School has several boys and girls who are proficient in the use of the movie projector. These students operate the projector when educational films are shown throughout the school.

Jasper County schools now own some films appropriate for social studies, science, health, and English classes in both grade and high school. These are available for use in our school as needed, and they are augmented by films from the Indiana State Board of Health, Indiana University Film Library, and numerous other sources.

Newspaper Staff



SEATED: Miss Kolling, Darrell Crawford, Mary Swart, Carol Duggins, Mary Scott, Marilyn VanWeinen. First Row: Janice Klemp, Joyce Bush, Ruth Coberly Linda Hammerton, Kay Bunning, Doreen Thornton, Eleanor Toppen, Doris VanMeerten, Carol Kooy, Jackie Van Weinen, June Krueger, Margaret Hamstra, Marion Craig. SECOND ROW: Marion Groet, Eva Barker, Carol Cheever, Carolyn Jackson, Lorraine Hoffman, Mona Nannenga, Joan DeYoung, Helen VanKeppel, Charmaine DeFries, Mildred Coberly, Edith Dunham, Janet St. John, Barbara Wagner. THIRD ROW: Arlene Kingma, Carolyn Hoffman, Barbara Groet, Clara Spurgeon, Lorretta DeYoung, Evelyn Evers, Frances VanderMolen, Barbara Schaefer, Betty Jabaay, Carol Wright, Elaine Wiers, Alice Unzicker, Ruth Ann Abbring, Rita Hoffman. FOURTH ROW: Gerald Kenning, Ruth Ann Kampenga, Joyce Boeyder, Luann Unzicker, Marilyn Dahm, Marilyn Walstra, Jean Scott, Marlene Hamstra, Kathryn Walstra, Frances Kingma, Marilyn Kingma, Jane Zeck, Rosemary Belstra, Ruthann Belstra, Robert Bunning.

The Newspaper Staff consists of Junior High and High School students, under the direction of Miss Kolling. The students are chosen for the jobs they are best suited. The staff consists of: Editor, Mary Swart; Associate Editors, Darrell Crawford and Carol Duggins; Assistant Associate Editors, Marilyn VanWienen and Mary Scott.

Throughout the school year the newspaper staff has published a paper of interest to everyone.



Darrell Crawford, Mary Scott, Mary Swart, Carol Duggins, Marilyn VanWeinen

Dramatics Club



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Kolling, Kay Bunning, Ruth Coberly, Barbara Groot, Carol Duggins, Doreen Thornton, Mary Scott.

SECOND ROW: Ruth Alma Abbring, Mary DeKock, Luann Unzicker, Alice Unzicker, Joyce Boender, Carol Cheever, Eleanor Toppen, Carol Kooy.

THIRD ROW: Thelma Kaluf, Betty Jabaay, Mary Swart, Ruthann Kampenga, Marilyn Walstra, Marilyn Dahm, Elaine Wiers, Mona Nannenga, Janet St. John.

FOURTH ROW: Lorretta DeYoung, Katherine Walstra, John Van Keppel, Gerald Kenning, Darrell Crawford, Allen Grube, Marvin Kaluf, Rosemary Belstra, Ruthann Belstra, Bob Bunning.



Rosemary Belstra, Ruth Coberly,
Ruthann Belstra, Carol Cheever

The Dramatics Club, under the direction of Miss Kolling, is an organization of High School students interested in the field of dramatics. The club has been very active this year in putting on plays and other entertainment for Christmas and other special occasions throughout the year.

Library Staff



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: *Eleanor Toyppen, Carol Kooy, Mrs. Hoepfner, Mary Swart, Barbara Schaefer, Doris VanMeerten.*

SECOND ROW: *Marion Craig, Janice Klemp, Jackie VanWeinen, Robert Schlarp, Marlene Hamstra, Jane Zeck, Alice Unzicker, Joyce Bush, Carol Duggins.*

THIRD ROW: *Evelyn Evers, Lorraine Hoffman, Carolyn Hoffman, Elaine Wiers, Mona Nannenga, Eva Barker.*

Our Library

The Junior and Senior High School Library in our school accomodates about 200 students. An organization of student librarians takes over the technical work of the library. The student librarians are organized into a group that works for better library service to the students. Mary Swart, who is the assistant librarian, is chairman of the group.

About 300 new books will be added to our collection this year. These books are catalogued by Mrs. Hoepfner and Mary Swart.

A complete pamphlet file is being prepared, collected, filed, and catalogued by Bob Schlarp, who is taking advanced work in Library.

Each room of the grade department has its own library. These books are also catalogued and recorded in the central library. Many new books are added to the room libraries each year. Magazines and newspapers are kept in the High School Library for use by students.

The adults of the community are welcome in our library. Reading is excellent recreation!

Sunshine Society



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Ruth Coberly, Linda Hammerton, Myrle Coffey, Martina Nannenga, Barbara Wagner, Doris VanMeerten, Eleanor Toppen, Carol Duggins, Patty VanMeerten, Doreen Thornton. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Hanley, Mildred Coberly, Carol Cheever, Mary DeKock, Joyce Boender, Thelma Kahlf, Alice Unzicker, Berniss Saunders, Luann Unzicker, Helen VanKeppel, Mona Nannenga, Lorraine Hoffman, Kay Bunning. THIRD ROW: Carolyn Hoffman, Joan DeYoung, Betty Jabaay, Mary Swart, Lorretta DeYoung, Laura Klemp, Clara Spurgeon, Jean Scott, Evelyn Evers, Elaine Wiers, Mary Scott. FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Hoepfner, Edith Dunham, Veronica Kneek, Barbara Schaefer, Marilyn Kingma, Frances Kingma, Marlene Hamstra, Kathryn Walstra, Rita Nannenga, Jane Zeck, Rosemary Belstra, Ruthann Belstra, Janet St. John.

The Sunshine Society was formally initiated by the Sunshine girls from Rensselaer on November 16, 1953. There are a total of 45 girls in our society. The officers chosen by the group are as follows: Rosemary Belstra, President; Rita Nannenga, Vice-President; Mary Swart, Corresponding Secretary; Mary DeKock, Recording Secretary; Luann Unzicker, Treasurer; and Ruthann Belstra, Student Council Representative.

Among the things the Sunshine Society took part in this year were to help collect money for the Polio Drive in our township, sponsor a Father-Daughter Banquet, initiate the newly organized Society of Wheatfield, and attend an Inter-County Pot Luck Supper at Rensselaer. We are going to make our money from the proceeds of a pencil dispenser installed in the school. Each member selected their "Ideal Lady" at the beginning of the year, and we remember them with gifts or cards on special occasions.

Our motto is "Others" and our main purpose is to make our community a happier and better place in which to live.



Mary DeKock, Mary Swart, Rosemary Belstra, Rita Nannenga, Luann Unzicker

Senior Band



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Kay Bunning, Arlene Kingma, Robert Bunning, Mona Nannenga, Jacquilyn VanWeinen, Lyle Kessinger, Jerry Heimlich, Jack Swart, Robert Zylstra, Thomas Abbring, Marilyn VanWeinen.

SECOND ROW: Joyce Bush, Arlene Kampenga, Ruthann Ewart, Sharlie Konovsky, Joyce Boender, Mary DeKock, Karen Peterson, Ruth Abbring, Janet St. John, Patricia Myers, Donald Moolenaar, Robert Fase, Charles Hamstra, Joan DeYoung.

THIRD ROW: Eleanor Hamstra, Mildred Coberly, Tom Fritts, Linda Nannenga, Carol Kooy, Jeremy Ramp, Dean Kingma, Gerald Vermuelen, Miss Miller, Lynn Kessinger, Ruth Kaper, Marion Groet, Marlene Hamstra.

Junior Band



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Joyce Kooy, Paula Bush, Mary Abbring, Glen Kooy, Alvin Fase, Donna DeVries, Ronald Sipkema, Donna Marsh, Delores Myers.

SECOND ROW: Linda Moolenaar, Connie Koster, Betsy Bol, Jerry Drudge, Peggy Groet, Judy Nuss, Lornell Hamstra, Ronald Gross, Pauline Westerhoff, Mary Beth Starkey, Miss Miller.

Girls and Boys Choruses



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Ruth Coberly, Linda Hammerton, Patricia VanMeerten, Barbara Groot, Janet St. John, Mary Scott, Doreen Thornton, Kay Bunning, Virginia Bush.

SECOND ROW: Miss Miller, Mildred Coberly, Ruth Abbring, Luann Unzicker, Alice Unzicker, Joyce Boender, Marilyn VanWeinen, Edith Dunham, Helen VanKeppel, Lorraine Hoffman.

THIRD ROW: Carolyn Hoffman, Joan DeYoung, Lorretta DeYoung, Betty Jabaay, Mary Swart, Clara Spurgeon, Elaine Wiers, Mona Nannenga, Edith Selby, Ruthann Kampenga.

FOURTH ROW: Veronica Kueck, Frances VanderMolen, Barbara Schaefer, Marilyn Kingma, Frances Kingma, Evelyn DeFries, Marlene Hamstra, Kathryn Walstra, Marilyn Walstra, Marilyn Dahm, Rosemary Belstra, Ruthann Belstra.



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Marilyn Kingma, Bob Lloyd, Bill Thornton, Miss Miller.

SECOND ROW: Robert Zylstra, Roy Kingma, John Oezer, Marvin Kaluf, Junior VanKeppel.

Junior Play



SEATED: Jack Swart, Luann Unzicker, Robert Fase, Carol Cheever, Norman Streveler.
STANDING: Ruth Coberly, Thomas Abbring, Mary Swart, Helen VanKeppel, Marvin Dexter, Jane Zeck, Laura Klemp, Rita Nannenga. Director, Miss Kolling.

Minnie Brill.	Helen VanKeppel
Peters	Tom Abbring
Sally King.	Luann Unzicker
String Beane	Jack Swart
Hester Storm.	Mary Swart
Gayle Grande	Carol Cheever
Posy May Purdy	Jane Zeck
Crazy Nell.	Rita Nannenga
Steve Charteris	Bob Fase
Eli Gandy.	Gerald Kenning
Ned Jorlan	Norman Streveler
Miss Storm	Laura Klemp

The play was presented on March 27, 1953.
Miss Kolling helped us by directing the play to
make it a huge success.

Senior Play



SEATED: Rosemary Belstra, Norman Streveler, Ruthann Belstra, Mary Swart, Kenneth Hielema, Helen VanKeppel.
STANDING: Thomas Abbring, Luann Unzicker, Ruth Coberly, John Spurgeon, Carol Cheever, Jane Zeck, Marilyn Kingma, Director Mrs. Hanley.

<i>Mrs. Laura Morton</i>	Rose Belstra
<i>Grandad</i>	Tom Abbring
<i>Tilly</i>	Marilyn Kingma
<i>Betty Sbadduck</i>	Ruth Belstra
<i>Kip Sbadduck</i>	John Spurgeon
<i>Trudie, Judy, and Ludie Norwood</i>	
Ruth Coberly, Luann Unzicker and Carol Cheever	
<i>Jack Norwood</i>	Norman Streveler
<i>Jim Maboney</i>	Kenneth Hielema
<i>Miss Abby Higgins</i>	Mary Swart
<i>Mrs. Jobe Feeney</i>	Helen Van Keppel
<i>Officer</i>	Jack Swart

The three-act comedy was given on November 6, 1953. Mrs. Hanley directed the play which was a great success.





Basketball

VARSITY BASKETBALL

TEAM	WE	THEY
Remington	56	47
Boone Grove	54	48
Kouts	54	45
Mt. Ayr	54	37
San Pierre	46	67
Lowell	66	44
Fair Oaks	64	70
Mt. Ayr	63	43
Tefft	72	37
Wheatfield	59	47
Morton of Hammond	49	82
Fair Oaks	65	60
Tefft	60	42
Hebron	18	26
Francesville	62	56
Dyer	69	46

TOURNAMENTS

FOUR-WAY TOURNEY AT RENSSELAER		
TEAM	WE	THEY
Winamac	66	56
Fowler	45	55
K. V. T.		
Wheatfield	64	47
San Pierre	47	56
SECTIONAL		
Wheatfield	57	42
Tefft	60	32
Goodland	60	49
Kentland	45	57

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	FG	FT	TP
B. Nuss	154	97	403
A. Grube	109	45	263
B. Schlarp	72	61	205
C. Hamstra	38	35	111
J. Fritts	32	44	108
B. Fase	23	27	73
J. Swart	20	17	57
J. Spurgeon	12	12	36
T. Abbring	12	6	30
R. Marshall	11	6	28
R. Kaper	10	3	23
L. Thornton	3	2	8
N. Streveler	0	4	4
R. Lloyd	1	1	3
R. Zylstra	1	1	3
R. Nannenga	0	0	0

The Varsity Squad showed marked improvement this year as they ended the season with 17 wins and 7 defeats. They made a fair showing in the K. V. T., but played very well in the Sectional and reached the finals for the second consecutive year, only to be defeated by Kentland, 57 to 45. They participated in a Four-Way Tourney at Rensselaer this season and managed to reach the finals in that tourney, too, but were overpowered by the Fowler five, 55 to 45. All in all, they had a very good season and also showed an equally promising team for next year.



WILLIAM JONES, Coach



Nuss



Coach Jones



Schlarp



Grube



Fritts



Hamstra



Spurgeon



Fase



Abbring



Streveler

"A" Team



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: *Bob Fase, Bob Schlarp, Norman Streveler, Tom Abbring, James Fritts, Charles Peterson, Manager.*

SECOND ROW: *Mr. Stangle, Principal; Bob Nuss, Allen Grube, Charles Hamstra, John Spurgeon, Mr. Jones, Coach.*

"B" Team



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Jimmy Unzicker, Bob Lloyd, Keith Barker, Junior Toppen, William Thornton, John Bol, Jack Kelly.

SECOND ROW: Charles Peterson, Manager; Ronald Marshall, Sammy Hamstra, Robert Zylstra, Robert Kaper, Roy Kingma, Raymond Nannenga, Junior VanKeppel, Mr. Jones, Coach.

"B" TEAM BASKETBALL

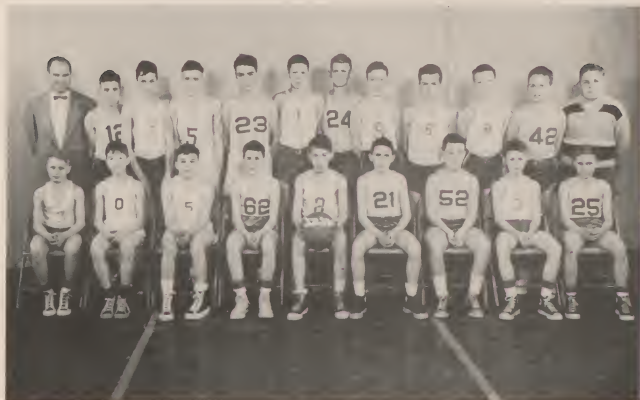
TEAM	WE	THEY
Remington	42	23
Boone Grove	37	46
Kouts	49	34
Mt. Ayr	46	36
San Pierre	61	20
Lowell	43	33
Fair Oaks	47	28
Mt. Ayr	47	12
Tefft	58	19
Wheatfield	45	35
Morton of Hammond	25	46
Fair Oaks	46	25
Tefft	61	25
Hebron	50	29
Francesville	41	40
Dyer	57	20

"B" TEAM TOURNEY AT RENSSELAER

Mt. Ayr Rensselaer	Forfeited 34 29
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The Second Team ended their season with an exceptional record of 18 wins and only 2 defeats. The Junior Indians also won the "B" Team Tourney this year as they defeated Rensselaer in the final game, 34 to 29. With such a splendid record they show hope for a better and more powerful "A" team next year.

Junior High Basketball Team



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Spurgeon, Jerry Drudge, James Black, Alvin Fase, Kenneth Craig, Jeremy Ramp, Tom Fritts, Jerry Hiemlich, Ronald Sipkema.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Jones, Coach; Art Nannenga, Wayne Nuss, Bob Albin, Gene Kenning, Bill Kaper, Carroll DeVries, Robert DeFries, Dean Alexander, Glen Kooy, Dick Kiersma, Charles Peterson, Student Manager.

DE MOTTE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL GAMES

	A Team	T.	U.	B Team	T.	U.
Fair Oaks		28	27		27	15
Tefft		30	41		17	19
Wheatfield		26	38		27	15

RENSSELAER JUNIOR HIGH TOURNEY

Remington	43	30		
Wheatfield	29	30	(Consolation Game)	
Tefft	17	76	25	47
Wheatfield	31	35	32	23

JASPER COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH TOURNEY

Gillam	37	29
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Track



FIRST ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Peterson, Junior Toppen, James Unzicker, Robert Lloyd, Keith Barker, Donald Griwac, John Bol.

SECOND ROW: Sam Hamstra, Thomas Abbring, Norman Streveler, Robert Fase, Arthur Ptacek, John Spurgeon, Robert Schlarp, Ronald Marshall.

THIRD ROW: Mr. Jones, Robert Zylstra, Robert Nuss, Jack Swart, Allen Grube, Charles Hamstra, Robert Kaper, Kenneth Hieleman, Roy Kingma, Raymond Nannenga.

The track team had a below average 1953 season, winning none of their scheduled meets. The team was composed of a small number of men, most of whom were underclassmen. Prospects for a stronger team next season are good.

The first meet was with Morocco on April 7 at DeMotte. The score was: Morocco, 99; DeMotte, 15.

Our second meet was with Fair Oaks on April 10 at DeMotte. The score: Fair Oaks, 82; DeMotte, 40.

Our third meet was with Hebron and Kouts on April 14 at DeMotte. The score: Hebron, 76; Kouts, 49; DeMotte, 20.

The dual meet with Griffith scheduled for April 17 was cancelled.

On April 21, the team went to Rensselaer for a dual meet which Rensselaer won. The score of this meet was not available.

The fifth annual DeMotte Invitational was held on April 24. The score of the meet was as follows: Mt. Ayr, 65; San Pierre, 49; Fair Oaks, 43½; DeMotte, 34½; Remington, 23, and Tefft 5.

On April 28, Mt. Ayr came to DeMotte. Mt. Ayr won this meet. The score was not available.

On May 1, the K. V. Track Meet was held at Rensselaer. The score: Morocco, 79½; Kentland, 55½; Wheatfield, 54; Hebron, 51; Kouts, 26½; Hamlet, 25; Fair Oaks, 25; Mt. Ayr, 17; San Pierre, 14½; DeMotte, 9; Remington, 9, and Tefft, 7.

On May 4, in a dual meet at Hebron, the score was: Hebron, 103; DeMotte, 42.

Football



FIRST ROW: Jack Swart, Lester Thornton, Tom Abbring.

SECOND ROW: Norman Streveler, Robert Fase, Robert Schlarp.

VARSITY INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Name	Position	Touchdowns	Points After	Total
B. Schlarp	HB	17	10 (kicks)	122
J. Swart	E	9	0	54
J. Fritts	HB	5	0	30
R. Fase	HB	4	0	24
L. Thornton	C	4	0	24
K. Hielema	C	3	1 (Safety)	20
B. Kaper	E	2	1	13
J. Spurgeon	E	2	1	13
A. Ptacek	HB	1	0	6
N. Streveler	QB	1	0	6
K. Barker	QB	0	2 (Kicks)	2
T. Abbring	E	0	2	2

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Name	Position	Touchdowns	Points After	Total
R. Kingma	HB	5	1	31
A. Ptacek	HB	4	0	24
R. Kaper	E	3	1	19
K. Barker	QB	0	3 (Kicks)	6
Junior VanKeppel	E	1	0	6
R. Duggins	E	0	0	0
J. Kelly	QB	0	0	0
R. Schaefer	C	0	0	0
W. Thornton	QB	0	0	0

Les Thornton won the trophies for making the most blocks and tackles. Bob Schlarp was awarded the plaque for being voted the most valuable player by his teammates.

Although seven seniors are graduating, next year's squad should do well.

Football



FIRST ROW: Bill Thornton, Art Ptacek, Robert Schaefer, Roy Kingma, Russell Duggins, Jack Kelly.
SECOND ROW: Junior VanKeppel, Norman Streveler, Robert Schlarp, John Spurgeon, Tom Abbring, Keith Barker.
THIRD ROW: Lester Thornton, Robert Kaper, Kenneth Hielema, Mr. Jones, James Fritts, Jack Swart, Robert Fase.

Date	Team	Where	DeMotte	Opponents
Sept. 4	Wheatfield	T	59	20
* Sept. 11	Kentland	H	Called ***	
** Sept. 15	Mount Ayr	H	25	0
* Sept. 18	Wheatfield	H	33	18
* Sept. 25	Mount Ayr	H	38	20
** Sept. 29	Fair Oaks	H	14	13
* Oct. 2	Morocco	T	18	14
** Oct. 6	Wheatfield	H	07	12
* Oct. 9	Fair Oaks	H	46	7
Oct. 13	Mount Ayr	H	70	20
Oct. 16	Cayuga	T	54	6
* (Conference Game)			Varsity's Total—318	
** (Fresh-Soph Game)			Opponent's Total—105	
*** (Kentland game was stopped with one minute left to play in the third quarter because of storm and lightning, with Kentland leading 18 to 12. It was declared no contest.)				

The football squad this year, although small in number, combined brains, brawn, and team spirit to produce an exceptional team with an undefeated record. This is the first time DeMotte has ever gone through the football season without a loss or a tie. Being undefeated, they were declared the Kankakee Valley Conference Champions, and received a new championship trophy. The Indians were also announced as being one of the top ten six-man football teams in the entire United States.

They were honored at a steak supper this fall sponsored by the American Legion of DeMotte.

The Student Council sponsored a program at which the school and individual trophies were presented.

Cheer Leaders



FIRST TEAM: *Ruthann Belstra, Mary Swart, Luann Unzicker, and Mary DeKock.*



SECOND TEAM: *Joan DeYoung, Barbara Groet, and Kay Bunning.*

Cheering Section



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The cheering section has also given their complete co-operation to the cheer leaders, both A and B teams. They were patient in learning new yells and chants to boost the team.

The spirit and efforts of the cheering section were not in vain, because both football and basketball teams have an excellent record, especially in football, in which they were K. V. Champions.

The cheerleaders and cheering section alike will say that all the work and effort was not wasted, and their efforts were well rewarded.



Ruthann Belstra, Mary Swart, Luana Unzicker, and Mary DeKock



Misc.







SEZ WHO



HAVING FUN



SUNNING



TAKING IT
EASY



AUGUST

31 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Ruthann and Rosemary Belstra's birthday
- 4 First football game with Wheatfield. We won!
- 11 Tom Abbring's birthday. Played Kentland. We got rained out.
- 15 We beat Mount Ayr. Some game.
- 18 Played Wheatfield again. We won by a score of 33-18.
- 22 Individual pictures taken. Everybody all dressed up.
- 28 Senior pictures taken. Boy, what good looking Seniors.



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DECEMBER

- 4 Lost our first basketball game. Played San Pierre.
- 8 Beat Lowell 66-44.
- 11 Played Fair Oaks. They won 70-67.
- 15 Beat Mount Ayr again.
- 18 Basketball game with Tefft.
- 20 Dorothy Hunter's wedding reception in the gym.
- 21 Teachers' Party at Mrs. Ewart's.
- 24 Beginning of Christmas vacation. Christmas program in school tonight.
- 29 Beginning of the Four-Way Tourney at Rensselaer.
- 30 Four-Way Tourney over. We went to the finals, but lost.
Bob Nuss' birthday.



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WINDY DAY

- ### JANUARY
- 8 Basketball game with Wheatfield. We won.
 - 9 "B" Team Tourney at Rensselaer. We won.
 - 10 Rita Nannenga's birthday.
 - 14 Beginning of the K. V. T.
 - 17 John Deere Movie shown to the students. Exams are over!
 - 20 Jack Swart's birthday.
 - 27 International Harvester sponsored a program to entertain the students. State Inspection.
 - 30 Bob Fase's birthday.



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OCTOBER

- 2 Football game with Morroci. We won! what an exciting game!
- 9 We beat Fair Oaks 47-6.
- 13 Beat Mount Ayr again.
- 14 Gerald Kenning's birthday.
- 16 Football game with Cayuga. Beat them 50-6.
- 22 Teachers' Institute.



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CLARA



NOVEMBER

- 4 Mary Swart is sporting around with a diamond.
- 6 Senior Play, "Grandad Steps Out."
- 11 Armistice Day Program. Senior Pictures came!
- 13 First basketball game with Remington. We won!
- 17 Played Boone Grove. Luck still good.
- 19 Marionette show "Jason and the Golden Fleece" presented to the students. Picked up corn for the Band Mothers.
- 20 We beat Kouts!
- 22 Thanksgiving Vacation begins.
- 23 Jasper County Health Council Meeting.
- 24 Basketball game with Mount Ayr. We won again.



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APRIL

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- 13 Ruth Coberly's and Laura Klemp's birthday.
- 14 School Exhibit.
- 16 Baccalaureate.
- 19. Commencement.
- 21 Last day of school. Hurray!
- 23 Luann Unzicker's birthday.
- 27 Jean Scott's birthday.



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- 9 P. T. A.
- 12 Basketball game with Francesville. We won!
- 13 Ruth Coberly became the proud owner of a diamond!
- 14 Valentine's Day.
- 19 Our last basketball game. We played Dyer.
- 20 Carol Cheever's birthday.
- 25 Beginning of the Sectional.

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- 5 Jasper County High School Music Festival.
- 8 Marvin Dexter's birthday.
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day.
- 19 Kenneth Heilema's and Jane Zeck's birthday.
- 20 Marilyn Kingma's birthday.
- 22 Mary Swart's birthday.
- 23 Helen VanKeppel's birthday.
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